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SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS NOTES

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1. CAIRO PRESS AUGUST 2-3 HAS CONTINUED TO GIVE ATTENTION
TO GOE ATTEMPTS TO GAIN INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR CON-
DEMNATION OF US POSITION ON ME. AUGUST 2 PRESS REPORTS
STATEMENT ISSUED BY ASU SECRETARIAT ON AUGUST 1 CHARGING
US WITH "FRAGRANT REJECTION" OF PRINCIPLES OF UN CHARTER,
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ETC., WHICH WAS PURPORTEDLY BEING SENT TO ALL WORLD

POPULAR AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS. AUGUST 3 PRESS STATES THAT FEDERATION OF ARAB TRADE UNIONS AND ASU SECRETARIATS FOR FARMERS AND YOUTH CALLED ON ALL WORLD LABOR, FARMER AND YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS TO CONDEMN US AND ITS ME POLICY AND USE OF VETO. (COMMENT: IN FACT, ISSUE IS MOVING AWAY FROM CENTRAL POSITION IN CAIRO PRESS. AUGUST 3 PRESS, FOR EXAMPLE, ASSIGNS IT POSITION OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE ON PAGE ONE.)

2. ON AUGUST 2 SADAT REPORTEDLY MET WITH FIRST DEPUTY PRIMIN HATEM, MININT SALEM AND HAFEZ ISMAIL; LATER FONMIN ZAYYAT JOINED DISCUSSION. PRESS REPORTING OF MEETING SUGGESTS THAT BROAD RANGE OF TOPICS RELATING TO DOMESTIC MATTERS, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ME CRISIS AND LIBYAN/EGYPTIAN UNITY, WAS DISCUSSED. FOLLOWING MEETING, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT HAFEZ ISMAIL WOULD VISIT ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA TO DISCUSS VIEWPOINTS OF ME IN LIGHT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND PRIOR TO UPCOMING ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. (COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST FIRM INDICATION THAT GOE MAY INTEND MAJOR CAMPAIGN REGARDING ME CRISIS AT ALGIERS CONFERENCE.)

3. OTHER VISITS: FIRST DEPUTY PRIMIN HATEM AND MININT SALEM DEPART FOR TRIPOLI WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS FOR UNITY TALKS. IN SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT, SADAT MET AUGUST 2 WITH LIBYAN RCC MEMBER KHWEILDI HAMIDI.

4. HEYKAL, WHO RETURNED TO CAIRO FROM VISIT TO FRANCE ON AUGUST 2, DID NOT WRITE THIS WEEK. AHRAM STATES THAT HEYKAL CONFERRED WITH FRANCOIS MITTERAND, GISCARD D'ESTANG, MICHEL JOBERT, AND GENERAL ANDRE BEAUFFRE. MITTERAND REPORTEDLY ACCEPTED INVITATION FROM AHRAM TO VISIT EGYPT IN JANUARY, AND BEAUFFRE WILL REPORTEDLY VISIT CAIRO IN NOVEMBER TO ATTEND AHRAM FORUM. (COMMENT: INVITATIONS MAY HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY HEYKAL FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH SADAT, BUT AHRAM PLAY OF MATTER SUGGESTS THAT HEYKAL IS CONDUCTING HIS OWN PERSONAL DIPLOMACY.)
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